

What is claimed is:

1. A containment boom comprising a plurality of float units and a coupling portion by which adjacent float units are coupled to one another, wherein:

5 each of said float units comprises a housing having an oil shielding surface perpendicular to sea level, a float portion having a buoyant force, and a plummet portion positioned under said float portion;

said float portion and said plummet portion being adjusted so as to locate a water line to approximate middle position of vertical length of said oil shielding surface; and

10 said coupling portion being a flexible coupling portion for varying a relative position between the adjacent float units.

2. A containment boom as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said coupling portion comprises at least one fold portion extending upwardly and downwardly.

15 3. A containment boom as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said coupling portion comprises a rail member.

4. A containment boom as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said containment boom comprises a position stabilizing member for restoring variation of relative position between the adjacent float units in upward and downward directions.

20 5. A containment boom as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein said containment boom comprises:

a lower plummet part hanging from at least one float unit which is selected from said float units;

an adjusting member for adjusting a hanging length of said lower plummet part; and

25 means for remotely operating said adjusting member.

6. A containment boom as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein said containment boom comprises:

a sensor for detecting a relative position between the sea level and at least one float unit which is selected from said float units; and

a screw operative of moving said float unit downwardly in accordance with a detection signal supplied from said sensor.